

Middletown Chips.

James McKinsey has sold the former Garber place, three miles east of town on the Troy road, to James Doty, of the Hall's Store neighborhood.

P. C. Kent, collector elect, will hold a sale soon and will move to Montgomery while the roads and weather are good. He has already rented property in that place.

The Jesse Butler land sold last Saturday under deed of trust, was bought by Mr. George Menifoe of Wellsville, son-in-law to Mrs. Butler, for \$1355. The tract lies three miles south east of Middletown, and comprises 60 acres. Besides a good dwelling and good tillable land, the tract has on it a bank of coal sixteen and one half feet thick, and only eight feet from the surface of the ground. This sounds incredible, but it is true nevertheless.

Jesse Darnell started on Monday night for Oklahoma, where he will view that country with a view to investing and locating permanently.

Ronney Hale and wife of Mansfield, Ohio, are here on a visit to their uncle James Berry and family.

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Rhineland Records.

Alvin Theissen east of town sold his farm last week to Henry Brinker, the consideration being \$3,000. Mr. Theissen retains possession until the first of March.

Aug. Sickhaus and Miss Annie Winkleman of near Reads ville were married Tuesday morning Nov. 22nd, in St. Patrick's church on Hancock's Prairie.

Math. Kneip, west of town, had a sale of his personal property Saturday and left with his family for St. Louis Sunday, where they will make their future home.

Henry Gifford and family of Portland moved to McKittrick last week. They occupy the house recently vacated by Wm. Smith and family.

The continued dry weather and falling leaves have caused a large forest fire, west of Starkenburg. Hundreds of acres of timber lands were burned. The larger timber trees were not seriously damaged, but wood and fences were swept away.

The four small children of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jackson, residing near Reads ville, were cremated in a fire Saturday afternoon, which destroyed the Jackson residence. The fire, the origin of which is unknown, occurred while Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were at work in the field near-by. The oldest of the four children was a girl 6 years old, who was afterwards found in a charred and nearly unrecognizable condition, with her baby sister clasped in her arms.

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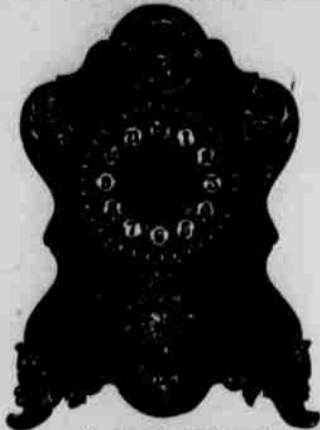
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Bear Creek.

Hunting is the prevailing sport at present.

J. H. Spencer is building a new residence.

The continued dry weather has damaged the growing wheat considerably.

Bob Yeager of Ferguson visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

Harry Spencer who has been working in St. Louis is home on a visit.

Tim Skinner's saw mill is again located in our locality on George Wyatt's farm.

Law Profit is moving on a farm near High Hill which he recently purchased. Lewis Jackson will occupy the house vacated by him which is the old Wells homestead.

Geo. Kohler of Webster Grove visited his uncle J. H. Spencer the first of last week.

Andrew and Dock Hill and families, P. O. Beabout and wife and Jno. Robinson were World's Fair visitors last week.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by City Drug Store.

Hugo.

Carl Kaufman is helping C. M. Coon build a house.

August Zimmerman has about recovered from the effects of striking his leg against the hind feet of a mule about two months ago.

Miss Alma Walther has returned from St. Louis. Her sister Lydia and Elsie are still in the city.

Thuel Hagood of Wellsville and James Jones of Montgomery City were in this locality last Saturday.

C. M. Coon conducted the deliveries of nursery stock in this county for the New Haven Nurseries this fall. He was assisted by J. E. Blackshaw of Wellsville, Thomas Worland of Montgomery City and John Lewis of New Florence.

Mrs. Frederike Grabenstein is gradually recovering from the effects of the operation performed when she was treated for cancer of the stomach and liver at the St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. She expects to be all right again by spring.

Regarding Manchuria.

Manchuria's climate corresponds to that of Canada; its size is six times that of England and Wales; its population 20,000,000.

Mt. Carmel and Oak Grove.

Orval Richar of Jasper county is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Geo. Sailor of Montgomery attended preaching at New Hope Sunday morning.

J. E. Updyke is going to have a sale Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Rev. Palmer filled his regular appointment at New Hope church Sunday morning and night.

Married, at the home of the bride Thanksgiving evening, Mr. Clemens and Mrs. E. Dickey.

Rev. Ferrell preached at Mt. Carmel church Sunday evening.

The Nanpocket Mouth Alaska lightship is farther from land than any other in the world, being fifty-two miles from the island.

What do you suppose the person was thinking about when he said that another person planned it all out before he thought of it? Can you see how that could be done?—Earl M. Pratt.

Virtue.

Virtue should not be considered expensive and without profit to us, nor should it be regarded as a painful exercise, as justice to other people is a charity to ourselves.—Montesquieu.

Doctor Favors Women.

Sir John Cockburn, an eminent English authority on matters medical and surgical, says that women are less nervous than men in surgical cases and are altogether better fitted than men to become doctors.

Manufacture of Knives.

In the manufacture of knives the division of labor has been carried to such an extent that one knife is handled by seventy different artisans from the moment the blade is forced until the instrument is finished and ready for the market.

Masks Carry Disease.

The New York Medical Journal notes the discovery that the lending of masks by customers is a probable source of disease transmission. Violent tubercle bacilli were found in eight out of forty-two masks examined.

Letter Carrier's Fees.

It is part of a Spanish postman's duty to collect a tax of a cent apiece on every letter sent from within the kingdom which he delivers at the house. To save expense, large business houses send to the postoffice for their mail. Letters from abroad are delivered free.

Criminality of Professors.

A French professor has been inquiring into the comparative criminality of the professions. He finds that the conviction for every 100,000 of each are as follows: Lawyers, 100; artists, thirty-three; doctors, twenty-five; lay teachers, nineteen; clerical teachers, seven; Catholic clergy four.

Differ With Edison.

The X-ray operators at Guy's hospital, London, where the most extensive use has been made of X-rays in the treatment of diseases, suggest that the severe disturbances reported by Mr. Edison as coming from the X-rays are really from the ultra-violet rays, for in their large experience in the application of X-rays in skin diseases no such accidents have occurred.

Origin of Eastern Navies.

Russia's navy had its origin in a boat which Queen Elizabeth went to visit the Terrible, and with which later Peter the Great got the "sea craze." Japan's first European type of ship was built by Adams, an Englishman. Holland and Denmark, however, did most of the training of the officers of Japan's modern fleet. Some of them, as is well known, were trained in the United States.

Gourd 200 Years Old.

What is believed to be the oldest gourd is owned by E. F. M. Hurt of Fayette, Maine. It is more than 200 years old and as good as when it was picked from the vine. Mr. Hurt's grandfather had it for eighty-five years. It was handed down to her youngest son, the present owner. This gourd was grown in Virginia in 1701.

Astor Makes an Enemy.

Lady Henry Somerset is withdrawing gradually from her career as a reformer. She is very sensitive on the subject of her hobbies. Her pet aversion is William Waldorf Astor, who once said of her: "She must be the sort of a woman who drives a man to distraction." The remark was repeated to her ladyship, who has never forgiven the self-expatiated American.

Complimenting Boston.

Bostonians enjoyed the visit of Postmaster Stewart of Seattle, who was in attendance on the national convention of postmasters in that city fully as much as Mr. Stewart has enjoyed Boston. "We are greatly pleased with Boston," said Mr. Stewart, "it is the Seattle of the East."—New York Times.

First Flying Machine.

In the eleventh century the English monk, Oliver of Malmsbury, a Benedictine, invented a flying machine in which he had such confidence that he jumped off a high tower with it and broke both his legs, four ribs and one arm. He died—the first martyr of aerial navigation.

Voice of Wisdom.

If a thing is difficult to be accomplished by thyself, do not think that it is impossible for man, but if anything is possible for man and conformable to his nature, think that this can be attained by thyself, too.—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus.

Live With Animals.

In Persia, India and China the lower classes still live, as a rule, together with their animals in the same dark and unventilated huts.



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